Price control on Tinidazole

1318. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tinidazole is only Rs. 100/- per kg. costlier as compared to Metranidazole in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that price of 4 tablets of Tinidazole is Rs. 6. 69 whereas 4 Tablets of Metranidazole are at Rs. 2. 40;

(c) whether it is a fact that indication of both these drugs is the same;

(d) whether it is also a fact that multi-national drug company has a monopoly brand based on Tinidazole;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry decontrolled Tinidazole from price control: and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to include the drug under price control ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a), <b), (d) and (e) Tinidazole is a non-scheduled bulk drug. As per imports statistics pertaining to year 1988-89, the landed cost of this drug is Rs. 533. 70 per kg. On the other hand, the notified price of the bulk drug Metronidazole is Rs. 482/- per kg. From the MIMS August, 1990 edition. It has been noted that M/s. Euephoric are marketing Foreign tables (each tablet containing 500 mg. of Tinidazole) at Rs. 6. 69 (4's pack). However, there are a number of other fomulators who are marketing this formulation at *n* much lower price.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Standing Committee constituted by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals is looking into this aspect.

Production of vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate

1319. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2942 given in the Rajya Sabha on th? ltd September, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the installed capacity of IDPL for Sodium PAS, Erythromycin, Trimethoprim, Paracetamol, Metranidazole and Doxycyline and what is the estimated demand of each during 1990-91;

(b) what are the names of other producers of these drugs and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) what is the total value of plant and machinery of IDPL which is lying unutilised during the last three years;

(d) what was the produciion of Chloro quin Phosphate of IDPL duting the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate are being produced by other units; and

. (f) if so, names of those units and production of each during hte last three years, year-wise of each drug ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND COMMUNICATION (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabl$_e$ of the House.

Overcharging on alpha interferon

1320. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported Alpha Interferron is being sold